

## Message Text

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FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: MARR, PINT, AS  
SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER KILLEN'S UNCERTAINTY OVER SENSITIVE  
ASPECTS OF JOINT US-AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE COOPERATION

REF: STATE 184110

1. INASMUCH AS GEOFF YEEND IS IN PERTH AND CHRIS SQUIRE  
IS GOING THERE ON THE 25TH, I HAVE ASKED CHRIS TO HAND  
DELIVER A PARAPHRASED VERSION OF REFTEL IN THE FORM OF A  
PERSONAL LETTER FROM ME TO YEEND. IN THIS PROCESS EMPHASIS  
HAS BEEN PLACED ON SENSITIVITY AND SECURITY AND URGENCY.

2. ONLY CHRIS, I AND MY SECRETARY IN THIS EMBASSY ARE PRIVY  
TO REFTEL.

3. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF YEEND'S AND PM'S REACTION ASAP.  
ALSTON

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